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In re Patent Application of:
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For: LIGHT RECEIVING DEVICE WITH
CONTROLLABLE SENSITIVITY AND
SPATIAL INFORMATION DETECTING
APPARATUS USING THE SAME

Examiner: Q. T. Le

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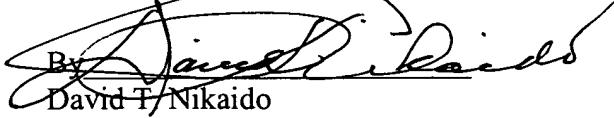
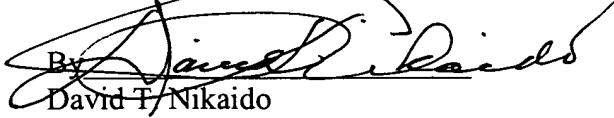
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